Notice of Public Meetings and Revision of the Standard Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans

The Standard Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria) were developed by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) in response to the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and in accordance with the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA).

The purpose of the Criteria is to promote, using the best available cost-effective technology and Best Management Practices (BMPs), the highest level of delivery water management achievable by contractors, along with the implementation of water-use efficiency measures reasonably achievable by their customers.

Section 210 of the RRA requires Contractors to prepare and submit Water Management Plans (Plans) with definite goals, appropriate Water Conservation measures, and timetables. Contractors are to submit Plans every five years. Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA requires that the Criteria be reviewed at least every three years and revised if necessary.

Please visit http://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare/ to view the proposed 2011 Criteria.

Reclamation will accept public comments through March 31, 2011 regarding the revisions of the Standard Criteria. Comments can be emailed to Melissa Crandell at mcrandell@usbr.gov or mailed to:

Bureau of Reclamation Melissa Crandell- MP 410 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

Public Meetings- Reclamation will host public meetings that will address the proposed Criteria and revisions:

January 26, 2:00 PM Eldorado Hotel and Casino, 345 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada Eldorado Room 2516

February 8, 1:00 PM Federal Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California Cafeteria Conference Room C-1001

Reclamation will also accept comments at these public meetings.